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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Melur Ramakrishnaiah

Art Unit

2614

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4-18-08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 23-73, now renumbered 1-50.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Melur Ramakrishnaiah/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2614

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: This invention relates to electronic communication systems and more particularly to a system for enabling a computer to transmit and receive information over an analog communication link.

The prior art of record in combination or alone fails to teach or suggest these elements of independent claims 23, 33, 40, 52, 53, 54, 67, 71, 73 in combination with other elements. For example independent claim 23 has claim limitations such as a telephone interface circuit connectable to the communication link for (i) receiving from the communication link an incoming signal representative of a communication from a remote device and (ii) delivering to the communication link an outgoing signal representative of communication from the computer, an interpolation routine executable by the host processor to interpolate a stream of incoming digital sample values representative of the incoming signal into a modified stream of incoming digital sample values substantially synchronized to the remote baud rate, a modem demodulation routine executable by the host processor to translate the modified stream of incoming digital sample values into digital input data, and a modem modulation routine executable by the host processor to translate digital output data into digital sample amplitude values representative of the outgoing signal. Independent claim 33 has claim limitations such as telephone interface circuit connectable to the communication link for (i) receiving from the communication link an incoming signal representative of a communication from a remote device and (ii) delivering to the communication link an

outgoing signal representative of communication from the computer, a modem demodulation routine executable by a host processor to demodulate a stream of interpolated digital sample amplitude values representative of the incoming signal, and to thereby provide a stream of digital input data, a modem modulation routine executable by a host processor to modulate a stream of digital output data, and to thereby provide a stream of digital sample amplitude values representative of the outgoing signal. Independent claim 40 has claim limitations such as line interface circuitry connectable to the communication link for (i) receiving from the communication link an incoming signal representative of a communication from a remote device and (ii) delivering to the communication link an outgoing signal representative of a communication from the computer, an interpolation routine executable by the host processor to interpolate a stream of digital sample values representative of incoming signal so as to compensate for baud variation and thereby provide an interpolated stream of digital sample values, a modem demodulation routine executable by a host processor to demodulate the interpolated stream of digital sample values, and thereby provide a stream of digital input data and a modem modulation routine executable by the host processor to modulate a stream of digital output data, and to thereby provide a stream of digital sample values representative of the outgoing signal. Independent claim 52 has claim limitations such as interpolating a stream of digital sample values representative of communication from a remote device, so as to compensate for baud rate variation between the computer and the remote device, and to thereby provide an interpolated stream of digital sample values, demodulating the interpolated stream of

digital sample values, so as to provide a stream of digital input data, and modulating a stream of digital output data, so as to provide a stream of digital sample values representative of communication to the remote device. Independent claim 53 has claim limitations such as an interpolation routine executable by the host processor to interpolate a stream of digital sample values representative of a communication from a remote device, so as to compensate for baud rate variation between the computer and the remote device and thereby provide an interpolated stream of digital sample values, a modem demodulation routine executable by a host processor to demodulate the interpolated stream of digital sample values, and to thereby provide a stream of digital input data, and a modem modulation routine executable by the host processor to modulate a stream of digital input data, and to thereby provide a stream of sample values representative of a communication from the computer. Independent claim 54 has claim limitations such as interface circuitry connectable to the communication link for (i) receiving from the communications link an incoming signal representative of a communication from a remote device and (ii) delivering to the communication link an outgoing signal representative of a communication from the computer, an interpolation routine executable by the processor to interpolate a stream of digital sample values representative of the incoming signal so as to compensate for baud rate variation and to thereby provide an interpolated stream of digital sample values, a modem demodulation routine by the processor to demodulate the interpolated stream of digital sample values, and thereby provide a stream of digital input data, and a modem modulation routine executable by the processor to modulate a stream digital output data, and to thereby

provide a stream of digital sample values representative of the outgoing signal.

Independent claim 67 has claim limitations such as the host processor executing a set of machine language instructions to interpolate a stream of digital sample values representative of communication from the remote device, so as to compensate for baud rate variation and to thereby provide an interpolated stream of digital sample values, the host processor executing a set of machine language instructions to demodulate the interpolated stream of digital sample values, so as to provide a stream of digital input data, and the host processor executing a set of machine language instructions to modulate a stream of digital output data, so as to provide a stream of digital sample values representative of a communication to the remote device. Independent claim 71 has claim limitations such as operating the host computer processor to execute an interpolate routine, so as to interpolate a stream of digital sample values representative of incoming signal to compensate for baud rate variation and thereby provide an interpolated stream of digital sample values, operating the host computer processor to execute demodulation routine, so as to demodulate the interpolated stream of digital sample values and to thereby provide a stream of digital input data, and operating the host processor to execute a modulation routine, so as to modulate a stream of digital output data and to thereby provide a stream of digital sample values representative of the output signal. Independent claim 73 has claim limitations such as line interface circuitry for receiving an incoming signal from communication link and for delivering an outgoing signal to the communication link, an interpolation routine executable by the host processor, a demodulation routine executable by the host processor, and a

modulation routine executable by the host processor, whereby, (i) by executing the interpolating routine, the host processor interpolates a stream of digital sample values representative of incoming signal so as to produce an interpolated stream of digital sample values, (ii) by executing demodulation routine, the host processor translates interpolated stream of digital sample values into digital input data, and (iii) by executing modulation routine, the host processor translates digital output data into digital sample values representative of the outgoing signal. For the above reasons independent claims 23, 33, 40, 52, 53, 54, 67, 71, 73 and dependent claims 24-32, 34-39, 41-51, 55-66, 68-70, 72 are allowable.

2. Claims 23-73, now renumbered 1-50 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melur Ramakrishnaiah whose telephone number is (571)272-8098. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 Hr schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curt Kuntz can be reached on (571) 272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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